

# Appendix 1: Pharmacist Job Description, Rheumatology Practice

## **JOB DESCRIPTION**

### **Care Setting**

Artus Health Centre is a multidisciplinary rheumatology clinic in Vancouver, British Columbia, that specializes in treating patients with arthritis, autoimmune diseases and complex musculoskeletal problems.

The clinic presently incorporates medical, nursing and physiotherapy care in the management of complex rheumatologic conditions. Artus Health Center seeks personnel who are committed to the values of compassion, collaboration, responsibility and quality that are integral to this practice.

### **Pharmacist Contributions**

Clinical pharmacists ensure that safe, effective and cost-efficient medication therapy is implemented for all patients in their care. They work effectively as team members and communicate clearly and professionally with patients, their families, other staff members and care partners.

### **Responsibilities**

- Acquires medication histories and conducts reconciliation activities with patients and families.
- Monitors patient drug therapy for safety and effectiveness outcomes at regular intervals.
- Assesses patient medication adherence at regular intervals.
- Solves problems in the medication use process for patients and the practice.
- Performs medication education and counseling for patients and families.
- Participates in drug therapy decision-making and provides drug information and to patients, families and providers.
- Educates and trains health care professional students and residents.
- Identifies and engages in practice quality improvement activities.

### **Knowledge/Skills/Abilities**

- Expresses sensitivity and compassion for patient needs.
- Exhibits ability to meet deadlines and work independently.
- Possesses patience and tolerance in a demanding care environment.
- Demonstrates initiative, organization and planning skills in the creation of new clinical procedures and systems.

### **Qualifications**

Licensed to practise pharmacy in the province of British Columbia.

### **Education**

Baccalaureate in Pharmacy from an accredited College of Pharmacy.  
Post-baccalaureate training (residency, PharmD) is preferred.

### **Experience**

Previous patient care delivery in a multidisciplinary environment.